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Mr. Harold Weisberg,
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

My question of last evening - which was, I guess, your first one - could have been rephrased more simply. "Why did the motorcade not go straight across Houston and directly onto the Expressway?" Sure, I am quite aware of the fact that the route was planned but they were a half-hour late on a very tight schedule and much time might have been saved by not having to make that 'hair-pin' left onto Elm Street.

It seems to me that the answer to this one question might be the solution of the entire problem. The thought of 'going straight onto the Expressway' must have occurred to someone. Who insisted that there be no deviation?

Since it appeared that you adhered to the Mark Lane theory of two shots having come from the area of the 'wooden fence', I phoned, a second time, to WNAC and requested the operator to bring another question (or questions) to your attention, to wit. If one or more shots did come from the 'front' how are the following accounted for:-

1. The dent (which you spoke of having been found) in the frame of the windshield - on the INSIDE.
2. The 'splashes' of lead (which must have been from a badly fragmented bullet) found on the inside of the windshield itself.
3. The two bullet 'fragments' of some 20 and 40 grains found on the floor of the President's car.
4. The small holes, manifestly 'entrance', in the BACK of the President's coat and shirt - which holes 'registered'.
5. The so-called 'stretcher-bullet' which had lost less than 1% of its original weight.
6. The fact that this bullet remained substantially intact while a like (?) bullet hit such a fragile thing as a human head and fragmented.

Moreover, Mr. Lane believes (as do you, apparently) that "powder smoke was seen and smelt" by many in the vicinity of this Woodfence. Some months ago - directly after reading it in "Rush to Judgment" - I wrote to a shooting-pal about this and I'll quote his reply exactly. "NO, I've NEVER seen a muzzle flash in daylight and doubt like hell if anyone else ever did. As to smelling the powder - outside of BLACK POWDER which would sulphur-smell up everything, I've yet to notice powder-smell outdoors and not much indoors. In my mind, the 'flash and smell' disqualifies the witnesses. He, or she, felt that a rifle SHOULD have flash and smell - so, therefore, he or she, was sure of having seen one and smelt the other. NUTS."

Shall appreciate very much your reactions and comments and I believe there is ample evidence to prove that Oswald could not have been the assassin the I am of the belief that he did fire the shot which hit Governor Connally. Was certainly glad to have heard you last evening.

Sincerely, *G. Norman Albree*